GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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POWER TRANSMISSION LINES
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Power Grid Corporation has entered into a joint venture with Reliance Energy for laying down power transmission lines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the percentage of share of both the companies in the joint venture;

(d) whether the power concerning with the audit and vigilance of the joint venture company have been entrusted with the Auditor General and Central Vigilance Commission;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government is contemplating to sell the stake of Power Grid Corporation in the Joint Venture Company; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) & (b) : Power Grid Corporation of India (PGCIL) has informed that it has not entered into any joint venture with Reliance Energy Ltd. for laying down power transmission lines as yet. However, PGCIL has selected M/s Reliance Energy Ltd. as the Joint Venture Partner for execution of specific transmission lines associated with Parbati-II and Koldam HEP. The agreements required for formation of joint venture have been finalized with M/s. Reliance Energy Ltd.

(c) : The shareholding of PGCIL and M/s. Reliance Energy Ltd. in the proposed Joint Venture would be 26% and 74% respectively.

(d) & (e) : As the proposed Joint Venture Company would have majority equity stake (74%) from a private company, it would be a private company. The rules and regulations concerning CAG Audit and Central Vigilance Commission, which are applicable to Government companies and deemed Government Companies, will not be applicable in this case.

(f) & (g) : Do not arise in view of reply to parts (a) to (e) above.